



# AMAZING LOVE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Alumni Program
- Safe Haven
- National Primary Exams
- Annual Fundraiser
- Volunteer for Fundraiser
- Gratitude

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

*The holiday season is upon us and it brings with it a time for reflection of all that we've accomplished this past year. At ALDO, we have worked hard to raise the funds to construct our new girls dorm (more details on pg. 2) and we are close to finishing. We've also seen new Board members join our team and share their talents, along with saying goodbye to some long-term members.*

*As many know, our annual fundraiser returned to an in-person event this year. On October 26th the ALDO Board welcomed our friends and supporters to the Italian Recreational Club in Oshawa for an afternoon of good speakers and great food and fellowship. We are extending a huge thank you to everyone who shared the afternoon with us and supported the children of the Amazing Love School.*

*Sheilagh Clifton  
ALDO Board President*



## Alumni Giving Back: A Heartwarming Gesture of Support

We are excited to share that two former students have returned to our school as volunteers, offering their time and expertise to support our current students. This act of giving back is not only a testament to the lasting impact our school has had on their lives, but also a powerful example of community spirit. Their return is a reminder of the strength of our alumni network and the importance of staying connected. We hope their efforts will inspire others to contribute in their own way, whether through volunteering, mentoring, or supporting our mission. Together, we continue to create a cycle of giving and growth that benefits everyone. The students have just finished their "O" level- the four years after Amazing Love and they are waiting for their results.

Their names are:

1. Shakira Nansamba - teaching Math and English for P1 and P2.
2. David Buyemba – helping with the kindergarten





## Background Work Around The School

### BUILDING A SAFE HAVEN FOR GIRLS TO THRIVE

We are thrilled to announce the progress of our dormitory for girls, which is aimed at providing them with a safe and supportive environment where they can thrive academically and personally. This dormitory will benefit girls who face the dangers of harassment and violence while traveling long distances to school. By bringing them closer to their studies, we expect improvements in attendance, academic performance, and overall wellbeing. The dormitory will offer not only a safe place to stay but also dedicated study spaces, mentorship, and opportunities for extracurricular activities, fostering the girls' academic success and personal development.

Additionally, the dormitory will help delay early marriages by offering a stable environment focused on education, improving health outcomes through better sanitation, and encouraging well-rounded development through sports and leadership programs. In Uganda, many girls face significant challenges that hinder their education and limit their future potential. With 1.2 million girls out of school and around 40% married by the age of 18, early marriages and pregnancies often trap them in a cycle of poverty.

However, we have an opportunity to break this cycle by creating a safe space where these girls can focus on learning.

To bring this vision to life, we urgently need to raise funds for essential infrastructure, including:

- Pit latrines and bathrooms (\$6,450)
- A rainwater harvesting tank (\$1,975)
- Laundry facilities (\$2,500)
- An incinerator (\$950) for waste management
- And a perimeter wall for security (\$1994)
- Other key needs include solar power for lighting (\$2,008)
- Funds required for the window and door glass panes \$1,023).

By contributing to this initiative, you'll help provide these girls with the opportunity to unlock their full potential and transform their futures.





## Background Work Around The School

### OUR STUDENTS COMPLETED THE NATIONAL PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMS:

We are proud to announce that our candidates successfully completed their National Primary Leaving Exams on November 7, 2024. A total of 26 students sat for the exams in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey.

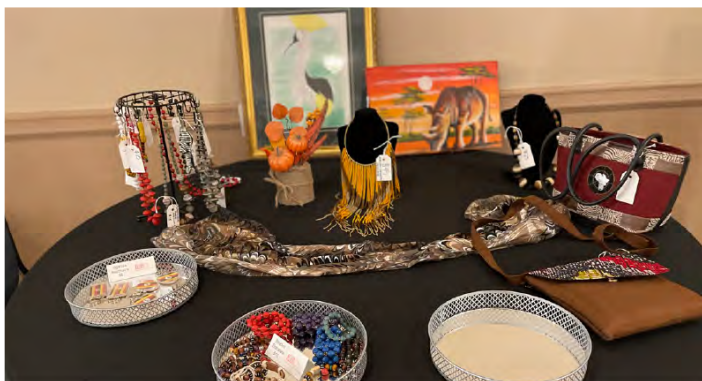
As they prepare for the next chapter, we are excited to share that many of our students will continue their studies in high school next year. High school principals have already started visiting our school, eager to recruit our students, drawn by their excellent academic records, outstanding sports performance, and exemplary behavior. *The high school principals actively seek out our highly qualified students.*

Parents consistently express their pride in their children's progress, sharing stories of how their performance at our school sets them up for success in high school.

Some of our students are even awarded 50% bursaries for their outstanding academic results or excellence in sports, further demonstrating the high regard in which they are held. We look forward to seeing these bright young minds continue to shine as they embark on the next phase of their educational journey.



## FUNDRAISER



*On October 26, 2024 we held our first in-person annual fundraiser in 5 years. It was a pleasure to see everyone who made it out to the Oshawa Italian Recreational Club. Attendees enjoyed homemade African food, such as mandaze, sambusas, kabalagala, along with freshly prepared Ugandan tea and heard from our founders, James & Phoebe Gonahasa, our board President Sheilagh Clifton and Stephan Barg, a member of the Rotary Club of Ajax, an organization that has supported ALDO for years.*



## VOLUNTEER FOR THE FUNDRAISER

While our Board came out in full force for our fundraiser, we are extremely grateful to the volunteers who helped prepare on the event day. Specifically, our gratitude is owed to  
Varun Khanna  
Sherry Nesbitt  
Catherine Blair  
Irene Mtoi



We request your continued support in ensuring that no child goes hungry at the [Amazing Love School](https://www.amazinglovedevelopment.org). Your donation, whether big or small, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of these children. It costs \$30 per child per term. If you would consider sponsoring a student in the nutritional program, please send an e-transfer to:  
[amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com)

If you would consider sponsoring a child, please send an e-transfer to:  
[amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com) More to come...



## HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR OUR SUPPORTERS



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters:

Your financial donations, whether big or small have made a tangible impact, allowing us create an environment where children can thrive. Your willingness to offer your expertise in providing essential services, time, resources and talents and help us create a brighter future for our students.

Whether you offer a hand in the classroom, or a donation, your dedication to the children of the Amazing Love School plays a crucial role in shaping the lives of our students. Your unwavering support empowers us to continue our mission of providing quality education and fostering personal growth. Every contribution, no matter how it takes form, is a step toward creating lasting change. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and committed community behind us.

Together we are making a real difference, and for that, we are truly grateful!

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey and for believing in the potential of every child help!



### DID YOU KNOW?

Ugandan girls are severely disadvantaged compared to their male counterparts. When it comes to education, Ugandan girls are far more disadvantaged than boys. 71.5 percent of them are literate, while this number goes up to 85.3 percent for boys. This is mostly due to girls dropping out of school very early, and getting married or pregnant.



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*Canada established diplomatic  
relations with Uganda in 1962*

